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APPLICANT(S): McCormick et al.

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TITLE: A System and Method of Matching Teachers with Students to Facilitate  
Conducting Online Private Instruction over a Global Network

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and published patent applications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of the patents and published patent applications is enclosed.

Additionally, Applicants wish to make the U.S. Patent Office aware of U.S.S.N. 09/909,137, filed July 19, 2001 (Docket No. ELT-001). A copy of an Office Action mailed on April 15, 2003, for U.S.S.N. 09/909,137, also is enclosed for consideration by the Examiner.

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☐ (1) within three (3) months of the **filing date** of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), or within three (3) months of the **date of entry of the national stage** as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing of the **first Office action** on the merits, or before the mailing of a **first Office action** after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; or
- ☒ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **OR**

- ☒ the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00**, is included herein, or
- ☐ (3) after the mailing date of a **final action** or **notice of allowance** but before the payment of the **issue fee**, **AND**
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **AND**
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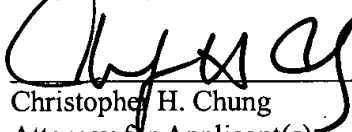
It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

**STATEMENT**

As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), Applicant(s), through the undersigned, hereby state either that:

- ☐ 1. Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application **not more than three months** prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; or
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>									
EXAM INIT.		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE		
	A53	5,727,950	03/17/98	Cook et al.					
	A54	5,957,698	09/28/99	Dean et al.					
	A55	6,149,441	11/21/00	Pellegrino et al.					
	A56	6,160,987	12/12/00	Ho et al.					
	A57	6,261,103	07/17/01	Stephens et al.					
	A58	6,287,125	09/11/01	Dorcely					
	A59	6,301,462	10/09/01	Freeman et al.					
	A60	6,381,444	04/30/02	Aggarwal et al.					
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	A62	2003/0054328	03/20/03	Stuppy et al.					
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>									
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	C1	USPTO Office Action, mailed on April 15, 2003, for co-pending U.S.S.N. 09/909,137 (Docket No. ELT-001) (9 pages).							
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